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1. ON MARCH 25, EWG WILL ADDRESS WORKING GROUP'S REPORT ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (AC/281-D(75)1, POUCHED). IN REFTEL, MISSION RECOMMENDED THAT US SUPPORT WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THAT NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF CONTINUE TO ASSEMBLE NATIONAL DATA WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING POSSIBILITY OF DRAWING ON THIS DATA FOR A VARIETY OF DEFENSE PLANNING PURPOSES, FOR EXAMPLE RATIONALIZATION. MISSION WOULD WELCOME SPECIFIC WASHINGTON GUIDANCE FOR SUGGESTED NATO FOLLOW-UP USE OF COLLECTED DATA.

2. IN ADDITION TO US, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE FURNISHED RESPONSES TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL DATA CURRENTLY IN USE FOR NATIONAL PLANNING: BELGIUM, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND UK. FRG REPLY IS IN GERMAN, AND IS HAS DELAYED CIRCULATION UNTIL FRG PROVIDES AT LEAST CONFIDENTIAL

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